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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MARR, IS, LE  
SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: POSSIBLE SYG REPRESENTATIVE IN  
BEIRUT

1. AMB PARKER FROM BEIRUT CALLED ON USYG URQUHART MAY 8  
FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION OF SITUATION IN LEBANON AND  
PROBLEMS FACING UNIFIL. WHEN PARKER RAISED QUESTION OF A  
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SYG IN BEIRUT, URQUHART TOLD HIM  
THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN VIRTUALLY COMPLETED FOR  
ASSIGNMENT OF A QUALIFIED SECRETARIAT EMPLOYEE TO THE POST  
BUT THAT AN UNFORESEEN DIFFICULTY HAD JUST ARISEN.  
PERSON TO BE ASSIGNED IS FRENCH NATIONAL AND THE FRENCH  
HAD OBJECTED, AS THEY BELIEVE THEIR PROFILE IN CONNECTION  
WITH UNIFIL OPERATION IS ALREADY TOO HIGH. ANOTHER  
CANDIDATE FOR THE JOB WILL NOW HAVE TO BE FOUND.  
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URQUHART ASSURED PARKER, HOWEVER, THAT THE MATTER IS BEING  
PURSUED ON URGENT BASIS.

2. UNNY DOES NOT SEE SAME DIFFICULTIES WITH ASSIGNMENT TO  
BEIRUT OF A LESS SENIOR CIVIL SERVANT AS IT DID WITH THAT  
OF A HIGH-LEVEL SPECIAL REP OF THE SYG. FORMER, IT  
BELIEVES, WOULD NOT BE SO APT TO BE DRAWN INTO MIDDLE OF

INTERNAL LEBANESE POLITICAL SQUABBLES. AT SAME TIME, UN AGREES A PERSON WITH POLITICAL SAVVY COULD BE VERY USEFUL BOTH IN PERFORMING LIAISON FUNCTION IN BEIRUT AND ACTING AS POLITICAL ADVISER TO ERSKINE.

3. URQUHART ALSO MENTIONED THAT KUWAITI AMB BISHARA HAD CALLED ON SYG THAT MORNING (MAY 8) TO DISCUSS PROGRESS OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AND SPEED OF DEPLOYMENT OF NEW UNIFIL CONTINGENTS. BISHARA SPOKE IN TERMS OF SC MEETING SOME TIME NEXT WEEK TO ESTABLISH TIMETABLE FOR WITHDRAWAL. URQUHART SAID SYG DID WHAT HE COULD TO DISCOURAGE EARLY MOVE FOR FORMAL COUNCIL MEETING. LEONARD

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